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## APRIL CROP COMMENTS – CALIFORNIA

Mechanical and chemical weed control continued in fruit tree orchards. Grapes continued to leaf out. Sulfur treatments were applied to grapevines where rain occurred. Second applications for downy mildew control in grapes were applied. Shoot removal in vineyards continued. Fungicide was applied to wine grapes. Some growers applied the necessary pesticides for European Grapevine moth prevention. Prune trees continued to set fruit. Pomegranate bloom continued. Mid-month hail damage was spotty throughout the southern part of the State with a

few reports of light damage to the new cherry and grape crops. The harvest of early variety cherries and peaches started in the central part of the State mid-month. Pollination of dates also began mid-month. Older and younger walnut trees started to bloom. Almonds were irrigated and fertilized through drip. Nuts continued to size. Almond nut drop began and micronutrients were applied. Pistachios also received fungicide applications.

The citrus bloom was still underway at the beginning of April, as growers awaited the declaration of petal-fall. Valencia oranges, Murcott, Mandarins, sweet limes, Star Ruby grapefruit, and Meyer lemons continued to be harvested, packed and shipped to domestic and foreign markets throughout the month. Topping and skirting of established citrus groves were ongoing; planting of new groves started. Netting was removed in seedless Mandarin groves as the bloom ended. Olive trees continued to be pruned, with reports of some blooms in the central part of the State early in April; groves continued to be pruned and irrigated.

## CALIFORNIA FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<b>NUT CROPS</b>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled)	870,000	890,000	2,150	2,080	1,870	1,850	-1	July 1, 2015
Pecans	---	---	---	---	5,000	---		July 17, 2015
Pistachio (In-Shell)	---	---	---	---	409,000	---		
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	105,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	514,000	---		July 17, 2015
Total	215,000	---	2,390	---	---	---		
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	290,000	---	1.95	---	565	---		July 17, 2015
Macadamias (Hawaii)	16,000	---	1.25	---	20.0	---		July 17, 2015
<b>FRUIT CROPS</b>								
Apples	15,000	---	7.67	---	115	---		July 17, 2015
Apricots	9,500	---	5.83	---	55.4	---		July 10, 2015
Cherries	33,000	---	1.21	---	40.0	---		June 24, 2015
Grapes, Raisin	200,000	---	9.10	---	1,819	---		July 17, 2015
Grapes, Table	110,000	---	10.00	---	1,100	---		July 17, 2015
Grapes, Wine	570,000	---	6.84	---	3,900	---		July 17, 2015
Grapes, All	880,000	---	7.75	---	6,819	---		July 17, 2015
Table Olives	40,000	---	2.06	---	82.3	---		July 17, 2015
Peaches, Clingstone	20,000	---	16.60	---	332	306	-8	July 17, 2015
Peaches, Freestone	24,000	---	11.80	---	284	260	-8	July 17, 2015
Pears, Bartlett	8,500	---	18.50	---	157	---		July 17, 2015
Pears, Other	2,600	---	13.50	---	35.0	---		July 17, 2015
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	48,000	---	1.98	---	95	---		June 2, 2015
<b>BERRIES</b>			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 1/	41,500	---	665	---	27,577	---		July 17, 2015
<b>CITRUS CROPS 2/</b>	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	10,000	---	770	---	7,700	7,600	-1	July 10, 2015
Lemons	46,000	---	817	---	37,600	40,000	6	July 10, 2015
Oranges, Navel	133,000	---	582	---	77,400	80,000	3	July 10, 2015
Oranges, Valencia	36,000	34,000	594	588	21,400	20,000	-7	July 10, 2015
Mandarins & Mandarin								
Hybrids 3/	45,000	---	653	---	29,400	32,000	9	July 10, 2015

(NC) No Change

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

2/ All citrus fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton.

3/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

## **U.S. Citrus**

The United States all orange forecast for the 2014-2015 season is 6.43 million tons, down 4 percent from the previous forecast and down 5 percent from the 2013-2014 final utilization. The Florida all orange forecast, at 96.4 million boxes (4.34 million tons), is down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 8 percent from last season's final utilization. Early, midseason, and Navel varieties in Florida are forecast at 47.4 million boxes (2.13 million tons), up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 11 percent last season's final utilization. The Florida Valencia orange forecast, at 49.0 million boxes (2.21 million tons), is down 11 percent from the previous forecast and down 5 percent from last season's final utilization. California and Texas orange production estimates were carried forward from the April 1 forecast.

## **Almond Production**

The subjective production forecast for the 2015 California almond crop is 1.85 billion pounds. Forecasted production is 1 percent below last year's production of 1.87 billion pounds and 8 percent below 2013's production of 2.01 billion pounds. Forecasted bearing acreage for 2015 is 890 thousand. The subjective production forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted from April 14 to April 29 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 485 growers sampled, 328 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 29 percent of the total bearing acreage.

The California almond bloom began in early February. The 2015 bloom was one of the earliest almond blooms in memory. In general, the bloom was fast and compact with Monterey and Fritz blooming earlier than Nonpareils. In several instances, the lower two-thirds of trees blossomed two weeks ahead of the top possibly indicating insufficient chilling hours. Nonpareil set appears to be less than optimal while pollinators were reported as looking good overall. Nuts were sizing well with the crop pace at least two weeks ahead of normal and also ahead of last year's early crop. Insect pressure may exceed last year but remains manageable. Water is a problem for many growers with limited amounts available for purchase. Growers irrigating with well water expressed concern regarding salinity.